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8. (As filed) A method as in claim 5, wherein the connector has a through hole such that fluids passing through the traveling valve move through the through hole and upwardly through the plunger.

Please add new claim 9 as follows:

--9. A pumping system comprising:

a pump barrel that is adapted to be placed into a well casing;

a plunger reciprocatably positioned within the pump barrel, wherein the plunger has an open top end that is configured to direct particulate away from the pump barrel, a bottom end, and a traveling valve at the bottom end, wherein the plunger has a tight fit with the pump barrel to prevent particulate from accumulating between the plunger and the pump barrel;

a connector coupled to the plunger below the top end; and
a rod coupled to the connector, wherein the rod is translatable to reciprocate the
plunger within the pump barrel using an upstroke and a downstroke.--

## REMARKS

In reviewing the marked up claims in the Preliminary Amendment mailed on June 21, 2001, counsel noticed that the marked changes were not correct. Hence, this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed to provide the corrected set of marked up claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-400Q.

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